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AMES MAN SENTENCED FOR DISTRIBUTION OF HEROIN CAUSING DEATH

DES MOINES, IA – On November 17, 2011, Marcus Andrew Burrage, age 25, of Ames, Iowa, was sentenced to 240 months imprisonment for distribution of heroin causing death, announced United States Attorney Nicholas A. Klinefeldt. United States District Judge Robert W. Pratt also sentenced Burrage to three years of supervised release following imprisonment and to pay \$200.00 to the Crime Victims Fund. On June 29, 2011, after a three day trial, a jury convicted Burrage of distributing heroin on November 17, 2009, and April 14, 2010, in Ames, Iowa. In addition, the jury also found that the April 14, 2010, distribution of heroin caused the death of another person.

The evidence at trial proved that on November 17, 2009, Burrage sold heroin to an undercover informant at an apartment complex in Ames, Iowa. In addition, trial testimony proved that Burrage sold heroin to Joshua Banka on April 14, 2010, in a grocery store parking lot in Ames, Iowa. Banka later died as a result of his use of the heroin he purchased from Burrage.

This case was investigated by the Nevada, Iowa, Police Department, the Story County Drug Task Force and the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation, and was prosecuted by the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Iowa.